

RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR RECENT RIOTS

Springfield, Ill., Authorities Handicapped by Open Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

## WITNESSES GET WEAK KNEED

Utterly Failed When Called Upon, To Recognize Leaders of The Mob.

First Cavalry Ordered Home—Only One Regiment Now on Guard—Rioting May be Renewed.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 20.—Today the First cavalry was ordered to leave Springfield tomorrow morning. Only the Seventh infantry will then be on guard duty.

The local authorities began today the task of investigating the recent riot, imposed by the failure of the coroner's inquest to hold anyone responsible for the death of Scott Burton, the negro lynched in the "black belt" last Friday night. The open verdict of the coroner's jury was a blow to the hopes of the state's attorney and other officials who had assumed the administration of the suspicion that witness to the rioting would fail to recognize leaders of the mob when called upon to testify in public proceedings. Of the four witnesses upon whom Coroner Woodruff had depended for the success at the riot, only one appears on the stand, and he has refused to answer incisive questions and when confronted with the other three made the coroner's task futile.

The grand jury went ahead with its investigation today, but there was considerably less enthusiasm regarding its work than was displayed two days ago.

**RENEWAL OF THREATS.**

The departure of all except two regiments of the state militia caused some alarm, but there could be something doing after the soldiers leave," and this feeling was reflected in the anxiety which was manifest in all circles of the city. In fact, a renewal of the rioting is expected momentarily, and the negroes especially fear that once the mob is started again no power of the state can prevent it from serious disorders.

Only the Seventh regiment of infantry and eight troops of the cavalry regiment were on active duty today. Second, Fifth and Third regiments organizations broke camp this morning, reducing the military force to about 1,000 men. It is believed that most of these were on active duty, and the decrease in military display and regulations was noticeable.

The force may be reduced still further tomorrow, according to common report, but none of the officials in charge would confirm or deny this. It is certain, however, that the immediate and normal conditions of the riot could be accomplished only by the withdrawal of troops from the streets and the abrogation of the orders, which, in many instances, require the presentation of special orders before citizens can pass sentries stationed at certain street corners. The regulations of the city officials regarding the early closing of all business houses and the prohibition of the sale of liquor within the city limits are still in force.

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OLD TIME HUNT  
FOR HORSE THIEF

Montana Sheriff and Posse in Pursuit of Man Believed to Be Kid Royal.

## IS A NOTORIOUS DESPERADO

Recently Stopped at Ranch Where He Was Positively Identified—His Capture is Probable.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 20.—A dispatch from Livingston, Mont., says:

Sheriff McCue, with a posse of ranchmen, organized in the Shield's river valley, is in hot pursuit of a daring horse thief, believed to be Kid Royal, who in June broke jail in Sweet Grass county.

Last Monday a valuable horse was stolen from a ranch on Rock creek. The theft was immediately reported to Sheriff McCue, who in company with Under Sheriff Mitchell, went to the scene of the robbery and organized the posse that is now chasing the thief. The thief has since been seized by custom officials where he is now being held in Sweet Grass county, where he has been confined by the sheriffs of that county.

Although the country is unusually rough, it is believed that the posse will effect Royal's capture. Tuesday night Royal is known to have stopped at the Morrison ranch, north of Big Timber, where he was positively identified as the notorious desperado.

TUBERCULOSIS PATIENT  
BRAINS BED FELLOW.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 20.—The quickness in strength of the two nurses in charge of the tuberculosis tent at Bartonsville saved a general slaughter in the tent early this morning. With the cunning for which insane people are noted, Max Sipperle had managed to get into the tent, where he was found with him. At 2 o'clock this morning he made a sudden attack on William Finney, another patient sleeping near him, and with a single blow from the hammer crushed the man's skull. The nurses caught him before he could strike the second blow. Both Sipperle and his victim are from Chillicothe. Finney cannot recover.

SHERMAN'S ACCEPTANCE  
SPEECH PLEASES TAFT

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 20.—This comment on the acceptance speech of Mr. Sherman, the vice presidential candidate and expression of gratification over Secy. Root's tribute to Mr. Sherman was made today by Mr. Taft:

"I read with great interest and pleasure Mr. Sherman's forcible statement on the issues of the campaign and his determination that the overshadowing issue of the coming election is whether Mr. Roosevelt's administration shall be endorsed or not.

"I read also with peculiar gratification the personal testimonial to Mr. Sherman's character and ability which Elihu Root as a neighbor and intimate friend paid from his heart to the vice presidential candidate."

Arrangements for the entertainment of several train loads of Virginia people who are coming here to hear Judge Taft speak were carried on to day. The bar in the Homestead hotel will be closed throughout the day.

SCOUNDREL LEAVES  
HIS BRIDE IN DISTRESS

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 20.—After making all arrangements to marry Miss Blanche B. Eldridge last night, having the house where the ceremony was to take place elaborately decorated, Jewell E. Warren, supposed to have been a dozen calls for troops at the various headquarters, but in none of the cases was there any serious necessity.

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PERSECUTED BY  
CUSTOM OFFICERS

Mrs. "Jack" Gardner Says She's Paid Thousands of Dollars As Result of Impositions.

## HER "HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS."

Acknowledges Ownership of the Art Goods Imported by Mrs. Chadbourne and Seized by Officials.

Boston, Aug. 20.—Mrs. John L. Gardner, in an interview credited to her by a morning newspaper acknowledged her ownership of the art goods which have been seized by the custom officials in Chicago, because of having been brought into this country by Mrs. Emily R. C. Chadbourne under an alleged false declaration, in which the goods were described as "household effects" but declares she did not know of Mrs. Chadbourne's intention to bring them into this country.

The statement attributed to Mrs. Gardner is in part as follows:

"The customs department has always persecuted me and I have paid thousands of dollars of duty upon objects of art as a result of their impositions. The goods in Chicago belong to me. I had lent them to Mrs. Chadbourne, who is a widow, and I have no doubt if the articles would total \$60,000 in value and I think Mrs. Chadbourne had a perfect right to bring them into this country."

"I don't know whether the \$70,000 in fines and penalties was paid by me or not, as I have a man who looks after such things. I have not paid the amount, but I have given up my right to have the goods released. I am told that the goods will be sold at auction. If the duty is paid in full and a still bigger sum is paid without protest I don't see why the customs people should take the articles too."

When asked this morning as to the nature of this trip and its purpose, Mr. Newhouse said:

**GREAT FOREST FIRE**

One is Now Raging in the Hetchy Valley, Cal.

Merced, Cal., Aug. 20.—A destructive forest fire is raging in the mountains around the Hetchy Valley, in Tuolumne county, north of Yosemite national park and around Lake Eleanor. The fire, which started two weeks ago, has already spread to such serious proportions that Maj. Benson, in command of the United States troops stationed in Yosemite park, has gone to the scene with two troops of cavalry. The soldiers are now fighting the flames. A large area has been burned and the damage has already amounted to thousands of dollars.

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**COLBURN IN CHARGE.**

"For the details of the bench improvements," said Mr. Newhouse, "I would refer you to Judge Colburn, who has charge of them, and who is fully informed as to all the details."

**SELECTED A HOME.**

"I was up on the hill for the purpose of selecting a site for my own residence, intent to build there, and that soon. Our plans for this summer, however, include only the laying off of the streets, the planting of trees, and the development of the water supply. Next summer the erection of homes will begin, and my own residence I intend to make one of the first."

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